

The Council met at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 25th of March 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Irregular procedure of the Acting Principal, Government College, Mangalore.

1387 Q.—Rai Sahib E. C. M. MASCARENHAS : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether the present acting Principal of the Government College, Mangalore, compelled every student of the second year University class to pay a subscription of Re. 1 each for an 'At Home' held by the Principal and the staff to meet Mrs. Sarojini Nayudu on the occasion of her visit to Mangalore to preside over the Karnataka Provincial Congress Conference ;

(2) whether the Principal fined Re. 1 extra such students as did not promptly pay up the subscription, either because of their inability or because they did not participate in the 'At Home' ;

(3) whether the fines thus levied have been credited to the Government account ;

(4) whether the Government have taken or propose to take any action in this matter ;

(5) how many hours of actual class work the present acting Principal of the Government College does ; and

(6) how many hours of class work his predecessors, Messrs. Malim and Krishnamma, used to take up when they were in charge of the college ?

A.—Government are enquiring into the allegations contained in this interpellation.

Supply of salt to prisoners.

1388 Q.—Sriman SASI BHUSHANA RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the quantity of salt allowed to each prisoner in the district jails is considered sufficient ;

(b) whether any complaints have been received regarding insufficiency of salt in the rations given to prisoners ;

(c) whether the prisoners who have been now undergoing terms of imprisonment for picketing at abkari sales and for similar offences in the Berhampur district jail have suffered in health owing to insufficient supply of salt ; and

(d) when and by whom the quantity of salt to be rationed out to each prisoner was fixed ?